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likely to happen, as the battle of the Titans get going with the task force, and the public does get squashed out of it. I hope that as the Exec Board looks at making appointments, that we have knowledgeable, well-qualified people, but people that are going to have the public interest at heart, and who are going to be looking at what is best for the public, what is going to be good public policy. Because whatever the task force may recommend, we essentially are putting off any decisions until next year or the year after. The original legislation, that this amendment replaces, in some capacity is likely to be here next year. There likely will be a companion dueling bill again next year. What we're doing here is putting off making a decision by getting information and having that information put together by a task force, and bringing it back to us to then look at what is good public policy. Let's make sure that the public is included in that public policy task force, so that when we do come back, their view is there, and it doesn't just become, once again, the battle of the Titans, and the public somehow, and their best interest, is left out. It shouldn't just be, how do we make money off the public? It should be, what's really good for the public? How can, yes, money be made, perhaps, in the private enterprise system? But as we manage the airwaves for the public, let's keep the public in mind. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Connealy, on AM1351.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, it seems the amendment that we have before us is absolutely opposite of what we're attempting to do. If we believe that we will make a better decision by virtue of having the information from the task force, then a moratorium on activity...and I...and I want to be really careful that I don't believe that anything that we do is forever. I think that there's something about that that we can't bind another Legislature. And so this is always going to be an evolving discussion. Even if we had decided to pass LB 645 the way that it was originally introduced, it was not going to be the end of this discussion. I support the committee amendment the way that it is proposed, because I think that it's clear that we have a very black and white kind of discussion